

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Colchester, Connecticut

Town Hall Room 2

January 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Gary Siddell, Monica Egan, Ursula Tschinkel and Betty Wagner

Representing the Board of Selectmen: Bill Curran

Guest: Steve Coyle, representing the Sewer and Water Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman LePage.

There were two additions to the agenda:

Mr. Siddell suggested that we discuss the report that will be given at the Board of Selectmen tomorrow night. Mr. LePage added it as 6.1.

Mr. Curran asked that the Commission revisit the section on town meetings. Mr. LePage added it to the agenda as 4.1.

Minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting: Motion to approve with one correction -- Section IX should have been recorded as section X -- motion by Mr. Siddell. Second by Ms. Tschinkel. Vote: unanimous approval

Citizens Comments: Mr. Coyle reported that the Sewer and Water Commission has several suggestions:

1. A clause should be added that the commission represents the rate payers.
2. Budget preparation should be changed so that it correctly credits the Public Works Director with budget preparation, which he presents to the Commission.
3. There is a question regarding the number of members needed. Mr. Coyle suggested possibly five regular members with two alternates would be appropriate.

Continuing Review of Current Charter.

X. Town Meeting and the Annual Budget Meeting.

C-101. Town Meeting.

The Commission will research further regarding when a town meeting must be called.

XI. Annual Budget Referendum and Special Referenda.

C-1101. The Annual Budget Referendum. The commission is not recommending changes at this time, but will research further.

C-1102. Special Budget Referenda. The Commission will recommend that the percentage be raised to two.

C-1103. Special referenda. The Commission is not recommending changes at this time, but will research further.

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C-1104. Recount of Annual Budget Referendum or special referendum.
The Commission will recommend that the end of the first sentence be changed to;
“...upon the petition of 2% of town voters.”

Report to the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission will report that the first pass through the charter is nearly completed.

Adjournment. Motion by Mr. Siddell. Second by Ms. Tschinkel to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be on January 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner
Secretary